



Dayton Shows Growth in Pedestrian Commuting

“WALKING TO WORK” GROWS TO 6.8 PERCENT

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The percentage of Dayton residents commuting to work on foot has grown from 5.3 percent to 6.8 percent as of the end of 2010, according to a [report](#) recently published by the U.S. Department of Transportation using data gathered by the Census Bureau’s American Community Survey.

The increase in the percentage of residents walking to work places Dayton among the top 30 American communities showing increases since 2000. Erie County is the only other Ohio community in the top 30 list.

Dayton’s increase in walking commuters comes amid implementation of the City of Dayton’s Livable Streets policy, a City Commission-approved initiative designed to make streets more accessible and accommodating for all users of public streets, including bicyclists, pedestrians, children, people with disabilities and public transit users.

The Livable Streets policy, adopted in early 2010, calls for inclusion where possible of wider sidewalks, bike lanes and sharrows, street trees, street furniture, green space, landscaping and accommodations for public transit users. The policy is part of a multi-faceted effort to successfully transition Dayton to a sustainable live-learn-work-play urban environment.

“Walkable cities have greater potential for growth and improved livability,” Commissioner Nan Whaley said. “Dayton is working hard to make our livable streets goals a reality for our residents and businesses.”

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